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Mr. Peter DeVries, Chair  
Washington State Building Code Council  
PO Box 42525  
Olympia, WA 98504-2525

Mr. Chairman and Council Members:

I am Dennis Becker representing the Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Union. There are over 2000 union members working in the masonry trades in Washington State. Our industry also employs members of the laborers union.

In an effort to save time I will be brief with my comments. Our union supports the testimony offered by Mr. Tom Young and Ms. Tonia Neal today. The masonry industry would be negatively impacted by the proposed energy code amendments we have discussed.

Bricklayer man-hours of employment are down significantly. We believe this is the wrong time to change the code. Further study of the economic impact should be completed. We support maintaining the current masonry mass wall code provisions.

Sincerely,

Dennis Becker  
President

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